

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 419
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor Mary Dorriese Kellams, 1996
valedictorian of Mt. Juliet Christian Academy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dorriese Kellams is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1996 graduating class at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Mary has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Mary was born on December 28, 1977, and has been enrolled at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy since kindergarten; she has been a very popular and highly regarded student during her thirteen-year tenure at the school; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, she has earned an exceptional 4.0 grade point average and an enviable ACT score of 28; and

WHEREAS, her list of honors include being on the principal's list, having the highest grade point average for nine years, being voted "Most Likely to Succeed" and being selected Miss MJCA Senior Homecoming Attendant; and

WHEREAS, she has been a cheerleader and a member of the high school chorus for two years; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet, Mary contributes to church activities as a talented member of the Senior High Youth Choir and a member of the FOCUS mission group, which she has participated in for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mary's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her plan is to attend Cumberland University in Lebanon, beginning in the fall of 1996, and to major in business and accounting. She would like to become successful in some form of business or accounting. Most importantly, she wants to follow the plan God has for her life; and

WHEREAS, this noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, John Carlos and Genelda Eagan Kellams, and grandparents, John D. and Mildred Kellams and Hugh S. and Mary W. (Mamie) Eagan, her principal, Frank Webb, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Mary Dorriese Kellams, 1996 valedictorian at Mt. Juliet Christian Academy, on her impressive academic achievement, and we extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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